

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for processing data are provided. Information data and recording medium management information concerning a recording medium are recorded on the recording medium. The recording medium management information includes initialization time-and-date information concerning time and date of initialization of the recording medium, creation time-and-date information concerning time and date of creation of the recording medium management information, and update time-and-date information concerning time and date of update of information data written on the recording medium.